

CLARKE COURIER

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9/11: Clarke One Year After

TODAY'S EVENTS

CLARKE EVENTS

8:45 AM Moment of Silence
The Clarke community will gather in front of the Atrium to begin the remembrance with a moment of silence at the time the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center one year ago. A flag flown over Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom will be raised after the moment of silence. The flag was given to Paul Oppen, a Clarke TimeSaver student. Oppen is a military police officer in the Wisconsin National Guard and missed most of the last academic year after he was called to active duty following September 11.

Name Reading
Clarke faculty, staff and students will begin reading the names of September 11 victims in the chapel. The reading will pause for the noon liturgy.

4:00 PM Prayer Service
Sacred Heart Chapel

9:00 PM Candlelight Vigil
Mary Fran front lawn

DUBUQUE EVENTS

"9/11/02" September 11th One Year Later
The Dubuque Community School District will present a production of "9/11," a movie featuring the emotions and memories of students in the district one year after the attacks. The movie was created by Clarke Communication adjunct Gary Olsen, with help from Clarke students Tim Young and Julie Connors. Today on Channel 17 at 4:30 pm and 8:00 p.m.

Picture Our America Family Event
The Dubuque Museum of Art invited children and families to express what makes America a special place to live. The art will be exhibited September 10-30 in the front windows of the museum (701 Locust Street), 8:00 AM until 6 PM.

TELEVISION

9/11: The Day America Changed
7:00 PM Channel 4 KFXB
A wrap-up of Sept. 11 memorial events, with reports by Greta Van Susteren, Shepard Smith and Linda Vester. Also: Bill O'Reilly explores the reactions of U.S. Muslims to the events of Sept. 11; Carl Cameron reviews the plot that culminated in the attacks.

Concert for America
8:00 PM Channel 7 KWWL
President and Mrs. Bush join a lineup of stars in this concert. Performances by Aretha Franklin, Gloria Estefan, Al Green, Josh Groban, and Enrique Iglesias are interspersed with short filmed pieces and comments from Americans (some famous, some not). Remarks by Rudolph Giuliani.

Whitehead brings insider view of Ground Zero project to Clarke

By TERESA MEYER
Staff Writer

It was hard not to be in awe of John Whitehead, 80, business man, philanthropist, military hero, politician, husband of the late Nancy Dickerson Whitehead, the list could go on and on. A distinguished looking man, dressed in an impeccable dark blue suit and red tie, he conducted his Clarke press conference last Thursday with an ease that suggested complete confidence.

As Randy Gehl highlighted Whitehead's career, I felt increasingly inadequate and unsophisticated. But when John Whitehead began speaking, he became a real person, just like you or me.

Despite his glorious accomplishments, or maybe because of them, Whitehead emanated a down-to-earth sensibility that made you feel like you were sitting down to chat with an old friend. His first words of advice to us, as students, were warm and heartfelt. "You have 60 years of life ahead of you to do great things," he said. "If your health is good, you can be involved in a fascinating variety of things in your life."

Whitehead's most recent endeavor is to serve as chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. This corporation, owned by

New York City and the state of New York, is overseeing the rebuilding of the 16-acre World Trade Center site.

This is quite a task, as the whole world is watching, waiting, and putting their two cents in about the rebuilding of ground zero. Whitehead admitted he was reluctant to accept New York Gov. George Pataki's appointment as chairman of the LMDC. "I had other plans for the next

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few years, such as spending time with my children and grandchildren, and maybe even being around to see a few great grandchildren," he said.

Whitehead was given 24 hours to think over his decision, and

finally agreed to accept. "I realized New York is my city," he said. "I've lived there all my life and worked there for my entire career as well. So, I decided I really ought to do it."

This task is the most daunting one that Whitehead has undertaken in his 80 years. "I've had a lot of big jobs, including the first landing at Normandy 60 years ago, but this is by far the most intimidating," he said. "It's a killer of a job."

The first step the LMDC took was to form eight advisory boards, representing the victim's families, the residents of lower Manhattan, commuters, restaurant owners/shopkeepers and more. For two months, the LMDC listened to their input. This input will be combined to develop a plan that will accommodate the needs of all the groups.

Whitehead sees the final plan for reconstruction as a compromise between business, cultural interests and a memorial. He



Note: Each star appearing in this issue represents one of the 3,031 lost in the events of 9/11.

estimates that about eight of the 16 acres will have a memorial park. The rest of the site will include a cultural center and office space. "We lost 1200 square feet of office space on 9/11," he said. "Office space equals jobs, and people need jobs. The plan is to put in beautiful, modern and secure buildings on the other eight acres of the site."

Muslim student: Finding hope for improved understanding

By TIM SHERLOCK
Staff Writer

Over the past year, America has changed. As a nation, we have had our beliefs, liberties, and loyalties challenged. What many forget, however, is that there are two sides to every story. To get a better understanding of this, I sat down with Adnan Fazal, a senior at Clarke who practices Islam. As a Muslim, he faced the same challenges we did throughout the past year only from a different point of view.

According to Adnan, he had no idea how to react when he first heard about what had occurred. He still remembers walking into the Student Activity Center to get some juice and hearing the news of the attacks. "I thought it was an accident when the first plane hit, but when the second one came in I

knew something was up," he said. I asked Adnan what challenges he faced as a Muslim immediately after the attacks. He said it wasn't really that bad; He felt some animosity and tension from some people but nothing from his friends. Rather than get upset he accepted the tension as human nature and realized it wasn't personal.

His hope is that those who judge the Islam religion based on the attacks will take the time to educate themselves about it before they form an opinion. In the weeks after 9/11, Adnan was contacted by the FBI to answer some questions. "I didn't know what to think. Obviously it scares you a little when they come calling you and you don't know why," he said. As it turned out, they just wanted to ask some questions and make sure things were all right.

Now that a year has passed, Adnan says everything is the same, if not

better, for him. He believes that more people have taken the time to educate themselves about his religion and, as a result, they now know that it does not encourage violence. His main concern was that the stereotypes gave his culture a very bad name, and he fears that it will now be forever associated with terrorism. "It's very hard to hear that since I know that the accusations are not true."

The attacks put Adnan in a tough position of having to defend the religion without coming across as defending the attackers. If he could tell everyone one thing, he would say, "Stereotyping the Islam religion based on the doings of a small portion of Muslims is equivalent to stereotyping American girls based on watching 'Baywatch': There's no basis for it."

IT'S DIFFERENT NOW

"The important thing to understand is the distance between where we were September 10 and where we are now. On September 11 we were yanked blinking and confused across the border to the lives we now know."

- Dan Rather, CBS News

